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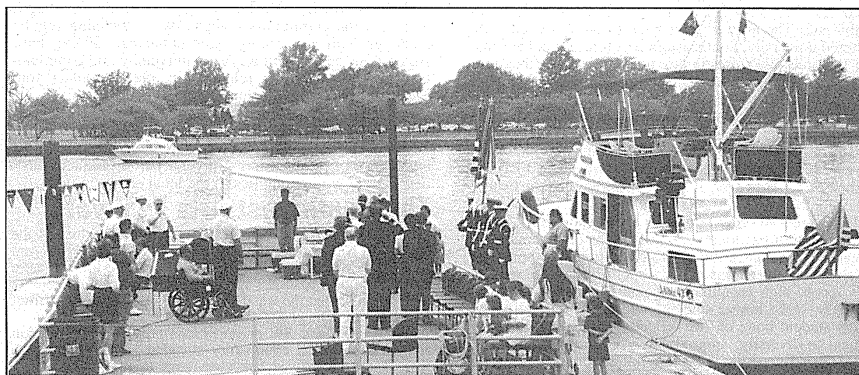
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## Blessing of the Fleet



The 22nd Annual Blessing of the Fleet Parade of Boats was held Saturday May 18th. The photo shows everyone at attention as the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard presents the flag at the Gangplank Marina. There were 144 boats in this years event which was hosted by the Washington Waterfront Association in partnership with Potomac River Yacht Club Association. Mark Viehover was this year's chairman.

## Amidon Winners!

### Amidon Art Contest Winners

Each year Mrs. Beverly Carpenter, Art Teacher at Amidon Elementary is determined to involve all of her students in the visual and literary contest. Last year students at Amidon won over \$6,000.00 in awards. Her belief is that children will never know what they can accomplish if the opportunities are not given to them. When teaching art, she incorporates reading, mathematics, science, history and writing in her art lessons. Mrs. Carpenter believes that without art, students will not realize that art is a part of everything, every where.

Below are the categories in which the students achieved accomplishments.

Visual Arts - (Poster)

Visual Arts & Literature

Literature (Essay)

Visual Arts & Literature (Short Story & Illustrations)

\$5,915.00 was awarded to Amidon students for their outstanding work!

### Amidon Awards Day Roster

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Quanisha Barnes \_

Dania Paz \_

Vicki Paz \_

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Nadia Purvis \_

Louis Bell \_

Grace Daniel \_

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Joseph Howard \_

David Duncan \_

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Miya Lee \_

Sharae Hughley \_

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P-SAFETY PATROL PARADE

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Deanna Miller \_

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Ashley Walker-Smith \_

Shantierra Watson \_

#### FIRST GRADE

Ruth Arqueta \_

Nicole Spriggs \_

Zandra Smith \_

Maurice Ford \_

Brittany Tyree \_

Angela Walker \_

Precious Johnson \_

Qualicia Whitley \_

Jouelle Young \_

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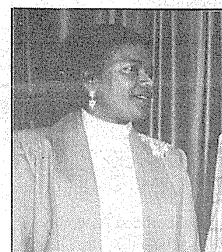


### SWNA MEETING

The June Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA

will be on Monday,

June 30th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Sts. at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the summer. Carol Thompson Cole, Special Assistant to the White House and head of the D.C. Agenda will speak at the SWNA meeting.



### Emma Ward Elected Vice President of SWNA

Emma Ward, a very familiar face to most Southwesterners, was recently elected Vice President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. She will continue to represent the 4th

district as well. A homeowner on Carrollburg Place, Emma has been a community leader for many years and founded The Carrollburg Friends. She was recently recognized by the AARP for her outstanding commitment to the community. When she isn't striving to improve the community, Emma works at the Dept. of Agriculture. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

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## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(June - July 1997)

- June 30 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Meeting, 7 p.m. St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M Street, S.W.
- July 1 Tuesday:** First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m. 1D Headquarters, 415 Fourth Street S.W.
- July 8 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street S.W.
- July 12 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Washington Navy Yard 8th and M Street, S.E.
- July 14 Monday:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street S.W.
- July 19 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- July 22 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- Aug 2 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- Aug 5 Tuesday:** First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m. 1D Headquarters 415 Fourth Street, S.W.
- Aug 12 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- Aug 16 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club 10:30 a.m. Children's Hospital 111 Michigan Avenue N.W.
- Aug 26 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street S.W.
- Sept 2 Tuesday:** First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m. 1D Headquarters 415 Fourth Street, S.W.
- Sept 6 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club 10 a.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- Sept 8 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board 7 p.m. Southeastern University 501 Eye Street, S.W.
- Sept 8 Monday:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye Street S.W.
- Sept 9 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.
- Sept 17 Wednesday:** AARP SW Waterfront Chapter 4751, Noon. St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M Street S.W.
- Sept 20 Saturday:** Komen Toastmasters Club Noon. Washington Navy Yard 8th and M Street, S.E.
- Sept 23 Tuesday:** Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street S.W.
- Sept 25 Thursday:** NARFE D.C. Chapter 2052 1:30 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.

*Note: Several Southwest organizations will not be meeting during July or August.*

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## Interview: Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis Outlines Her Plans for Southeastern University and Its Relationship with Southwest

by Jennifer Ray

Since she became President of Southeastern University a year ago, Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis has been busy — incredibly busy — establishing short- and long-term goals for the university located in the heart of Southwest. Recently I was able to speak with Dr. Jarvis about her plans for the university and its relationship with the Southwest community. These initiatives will not only establish the university as an innovative institution but will also strengthen the ties between it and the community, benefiting both parties.

### Historical Highlights

Dr. Jarvis admits that her name recognition has already helped raise the level of awareness of Southeastern. However, many Southwest residents still know very little about the university at the corner of 6th and I Streets. Here are a few excerpts from the university's history:

One of the first things people want to know is: why is it called Southeastern University when it is located in Southwest? The answer dates back to 1879. A federally chartered university, Southeastern was founded at the same time as three other prestigious universities: Northeastern University in Massachusetts, Northwestern University in Illinois, and Southwestern University in Texas. Therefore, the names were assigned based on geographic location within the United States, not within D.C.

Fans of "The X-Files" and "Profiler" may be interested to learn that there is a connection between the FBI and Southeastern. However, it's no conspiracy: about twenty years ago, the university trained numerous FBI agents who needed degrees in order to qualify for promotions.

Southeastern has long been known for its diversity. In the early 1980s, an influx of Nigerian students sponsored by their government was partly responsible for the university's record-high enrollment of approximately 2000 students. Several Chinese students will arrive this fall. The current student body of 700 reflects the university's commitment to diversity: approximately 40% are Asian, 43% are African-American, 17% are international/Caucasian, and 0.02% are Hispanic. The international students represent 39 countries. In addition, the university has two international campuses in Kerynia, Cyprus and London, England.

### Looking Forward

Dr. Jarvis would like to see the enrollment grow to as much as 3000 students over the next several years. Although the university has traditionally enrolled mainly older, nontraditional students, Dr. Jarvis wants to increase the number of younger high school graduates enrolled. Since this growth would require additional facilities, the university is exploring several expansion options. However, this growth will not be at the expense of multiculturalism: the university is committed to remaining ethnically diverse.

Dr. Jarvis believes that the local and international marketplace will demand a growing number of workers with entrepreneurial training and strong computer skills. As a result, the university plans to revise its curriculum to better meet these needs. In addition, Dr. Jarvis believes that adding Public Administration and Hospitality programs would also be appropriate because of the growing demand for these services in D.C.

As the home of the World Bank, the Export-Import Bank, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), D.C. also needs workers with strong international business skills. Southeastern's focus on the global marketplace prepares students for careers in multinational firms. To make the students even more marketable in this field, Dr. Jarvis would like to establish an exchange program with its two international campuses. Students enrolled at the D.C. campus would be able to spend a semester at either the Kerynia or London campuses, while students from the international campuses would spend a semester in D.C. This initiative would even further strengthen the university's multicultural focus. In turn, the community would be exposed to various cultures through these students.

### Southeastern University and the Southwest Community

Southeastern has a strong commitment to strengthening its ties with the Southwest community. Dr. Jarvis is particularly interested in making the university a vehicle for community development. For example, Southeastern is developing a program to service local small businesses, primarily through non-credit training. The university is also interested in developing non-certificate programs to meet the specific needs of a group, such as public housing residents or federal employees. Technical training, particularly with relation to computer skills, is the main focus of this initiative.

Southeastern University has teamed up with the University of Maryland for a community partnership initiative. This program would help identify partnership opportunities between large and small businesses and facilitate the development of these relationships. Local businesses

will certainly benefit from this program.

Dr. Jarvis also wants to establish a speaker series at the university. This series will include speakers with experience in entrepreneurship, politics, and academia (universities). Southwest residents interested in any of these fields would benefit from these lectures.

For recent high school graduates, Southeastern University has a new summer program called CAPs. This program was designed for public high school students who are interested in furthering their education, but may require additional work outside the high school curriculum in order to succeed in a college setting. Students who successfully complete this program are automatically accepted at the university, although there is no obligation to enroll at Southeastern. For additional information on this pre-college summer program, students should contact their high school counselors.

What can the community do to become more involved with the university? Dr. Jarvis suggests that the first step is to assess the community's needs by establishing regular meetings with community representatives. If you have suggestions concerning ways the university and community can strengthen their relationship, please contact your SWNA, ANC, Wiley Branton, or other civic organizations' representatives and encourage them to share your ideas with the university.

With Dr. Jarvis at the helm, we are bound to witness the emergence of Southeastern University as a premiere business school with strong ties to the local community!

## The Southwest Arts Festival

The Southwest Festival of the Arts, a committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, was successfully revived on Sunday May 18th. With the cooperation of Mother Nature in the form of a beautiful spring day, this special community celebration shared the waterfront with Washington Waterfront Association's annual Blessing of the Fleet.

Fifteen DC and SW organizations providing information and services to the community attended. Southwest artist, Joan Tierney displayed her wide range of watercolor prints. Other SW artists presenting were Jorge Zapata, topiaries, Brian Hamilton, stained glass; and Greg Scott, acrylic on canvas. Greg is the visual artist-in-residence at Children's Hospital and is conducting summer art work shops at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Willie Lloyd Reeves organized the food concessions located on the grounds of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Baked goods, ribs and chicken were featured along with a variety of other foods.

Gene Harley arranged for the presence of radio station HEAVEN 1580 AM and lots of balloons to add to the festivities.

A diversified group of entertainers organized by long-time residents, Mary Ann Bailer and Jane Harley performed. Kings of Harmony, Heaven 1580 Youth Choir and Metropolitan Police Department A Capella Singers filled the air with beautiful singing. Wei and Yun Gong performed dances of Yunan Province, China. Paul Weiss and the Rocks Jazz Trio and Lt. McGill's jazz ensemble D.C.'s Finest delighted the crowd with their music.

In her thank you to committee members, Dr. Beryl Rice, past president of SWNA offered congratulations and hopes that this tradition will continue.

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### The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:

to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich an equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

## Interview with Ed Green, Manager, Spirit Cruises



*r. Diana Mayhew, president of Washington Waterfront Association & Ed Green, general manager of Spirit Cruises.*

Southwest residents are indeed fortunate to have the beautiful Potomac a few doorsteps from many of our apartments homes. This wide river stirs in our blood a sense of adventure and mystery and a reminder of our beginnings as a nation. Interviewing Ed Green, new manager of Spirit Cruises (at 6th and Water Streets, S.W.) proved to be a stimulating adventure, for he brings to his position the high standards he has shown in his many years of service in the Marine Corps and in leading U.S. companies.

In whatever work Green undertakes, he looks for challenges. He wants Spirit Cruises to grow to its full potential, to the goal of reaching 500,000 passengers a year rather than the current 300,000. To the question, "How do you accommodate different tastes for music?", his reply was, "We play popular music that appeals to a wide public. We want the music to be the character of a particular group, whether it be gospel audience, a particular ethnic group, or seniors. We want our guests to feel comfortable and at ease."

The most popular cruise destination is Georgetown's home at Mount Vernon. Other cruises will take you past America's oldest active military fort, Fort Mifflin and the historic homes of Generals' Row. Many

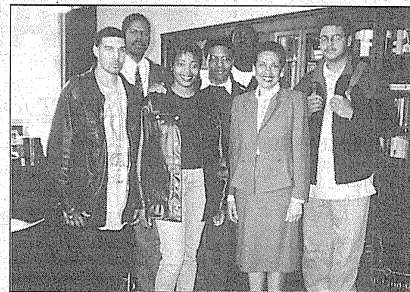
passengers enjoy cruising along the restored colonial waterfront of Old Town Alexandria. Spirit Cruises offers a wonderful way to celebrate life's great precious moments, those special intimate occasions such as weddings, graduations, proms, reunions.

One of Southwest's biggest assets is our proximity to the beautiful Potomac River. Ed Green is very concerned with improving the appearance of properties along the Potomac and those neighborhoods in this area. Throughout this interview Green referred to "the warmth" of the residents in Washington. More of the positive side our residents should be told in the news media so we continue to attract visitors, tourists and people who want to make Washington, D.C. their home.

For information on the trips offered by Spirit Cruises, call (202) 554-8013. Cruises on the beautiful modern ship depart from Pier 4 at 6th and Water Streets, S.W. The office/ship are a short walk from the Green Line Waterfront Metro Station. Let a trip on Spirit Cruises be part of your summer!



*Ed Green, putting tag on Cherry Tree*



*Students in Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton's office*

## LEARNING TREE OF GREATER WASHINGTON

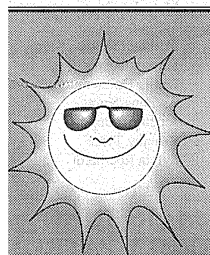
On Wednesday April 23, 1997, five Learning Tree of Greater Washington students made a special field trip to the office of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. "I had felt a strong need to introduce the 'Tree' students to their congressional representative, simply because there was a strong desire for a thorough understanding of local government as it applies to the special situation in the District," stated Learning Tree Director/Teacher Erich Smith.

With a warm welcome and an introduction to her role in the District and Congress, Mrs. Norton began answering the students' questions and concerns. Almost 1-1/2 hours later we all emerged from the meeting with a better understanding of issues, and also their roles as voters.

With student concerns ranging from welfare reform and home rule to immigration and the changing role of the Mayor, each student was asked to write down questions (several days before) to ask "Congresswoman" Norton. And also, in order not to rely on sound bytes alone, the Tree students researched recent articles and "Congresswoman" Norton's website to get a better understanding of her stands on certain issues.

After a further discussion with fellow students, Chris Isaacs stated "Our involvement is important!", and Jernetta Cosby summed up the new mood among fellow students in saying "Having a better understanding of the role of government and voters, allows us to see how we can make a difference in our communities and the District instead of leaving it up to someone else".

The Learning Tree of Greater Washington (LToGW) is an innovative non-profit community-based college-preparatory center located at Southeastern University. Those interested in Volunteering and/or enrollment should call Erich Smith at (202) 246-3802. All classes at the LToGW are FREE.



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## WAVE (United Way)

United Way of the National Capital Area helps to fund various agencies. There are several which are located in Southwest. These are: The Arena Stage, Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, District of Columbia United Way Community Services Fund, Friday Theatre, Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund, Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., Southwest Child Development Center, Southwest Community House. WAVE: Work, Achievement, Values and Education.

We can't write about every one of these groups - we don't have enough space. In this issue, we will focus on WAVE: Work, Achievement, Values and Education. The student, Larry Brown was good enough to take time to join WAVE. This agency has been around for 28 years. Moved to its present location, on School Street, SW, in 1991.

Its mission "is to support teachers and youth development professionals in schools and community organizations by providing training and adaptable teaching strategies and programs that help both instructors and young people succeed." WAVE's programs use a comprehensive learning strategy with four key components: experiential learning; youth leadership development, community service; and work experience, and professional training and site support." Put simply, they try to create a positive experience between adults and kids.

When WAVE first started, its emphasis was on business. Industry leaders were involved in an effort to encourage drop-outs to either get a GED (General Equivalency Degree) or to re-enter high school and get their diplomas. Now, WAVE's emphasis is three-fold. 1. Preparation for

work, 2. emphasis on education and 3. emphasis on motivation.

WAVE believes in the saying "Tell me and I forget; Show me and I remember; but, Let me and I understand." Instead of the student fitting the already existing program, they help the system fit the student. How do they do this? They re-train the teacher, as well as change the learning environment. They are in the business of "breaking down boundaries." They involve business and community residents who work to encourage youths to stay in school.

Locally, Jefferson Junior High School is a staunch supporter of WAVE. The Principal, Mrs. White, insists that a component of WAVE, be introduced to every student on a daily basis. Every morning during homeroom, different activities would be demonstrated with a given homeroom class. The exercises were usually based on: self-esteem, effective time management, techniques for effective communication, developing effective listening skills, dealing with conflicts in a non-confrontational manner, developing an appreciation for the differences in individuals, making good decisions, and many other activities that gave students skills for coping in a more demanding society. Mrs. White has found that these additional "life skills" have made a difference in her students and intends to continue with the program.

Anyone who volunteers to work in the WAVE program is given a ten lesson guide book. The students are also given this book. If you are interested in helping this program and/or would like to volunteer you can call Don Simmons 202/484-0103

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Lloyd Harley-Ferguson \_  
Sara Yohannes \_  
Erdit Gremi \_  
Michael Johnson \_  
Astoria Thompson \_  
Vernon Gudger \_  
Sean Queen \_  
Jamila Opiptennione \_  
Charlisa Lewis \_  
Sankara Drabo \_

### SECOND GRADE

Louise Nabukalu \_  
Lakita Johnson \_  
Bianca Cherry \_  
Narvin Arellano \_  
Janet Ghazizadeh \_  
James Cutri \_  
Sylvia Eberhardt \_  
Perry Martin \_  
Milan Neely \_  
Juliette Fleming \_  
McKindria Letsinger \_ P  
Cherre Jefferson \_  
Sulma Giron \_  
Alfred Lawson \_  
Michael Miles P  
Arthur McCormack \_  
Lauren Haysbert \_  
Malcolm Cameron \_ P  
Jamaal Morgan \_  
Philip Hopkins \_  
Michael Hebron \_  
Shanice McDonald \_ P  
Raia Thompson P

### THIRD GRADE

Vernon Cornish \_  
Stephen Lewis \_  
Sheila McGaza \_  
Nefertari Francis \_  
Gregory Miller \_  
Randall Shannon \_  
Lauren Haileab \_  
Ryan Vaughn \_  
Nicole Gray \_  
Thiezue James \_  
Justin Holman \_  
Ashley Humes \_  
Jasmine Louis \_  
Veronica Johnson \_  
Travis Vaughn \_  
Darryl Hunter \_  
Lashell Walker \_  
Rodney Williams \_  
Eric Lewis \_  
Devin Yeldell \_

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Claudia Argueta \_ I  
Kwame Brown \_  
Joshua Conley I  
Jennifer Barnes \_  
Ashley Cook I  
Alexandra Bowman \_ I  
Angela Dean I  
Troy Haliburton \_ I  
Camille Holman \_  
Kimberly Dent I  
Shanee Hughley \_  
Andrika McConnell \_  
Albert Easter I  
Tiara Johnson \_ I  
Michael McLaughlin \_  
James Fleming \_ I  
Makai Kellogg \_  
André Rogario I  
Jeremiah Farmer \_ I  
Michael Miles \_ I  
O'Tishia Sims I  
Shaun Gaines \_  
Neo Morake \_ I  
Tamika Taylor \_ I  
Telma Giron \_  
Amanda Everett \_  
Micah Vinson \_  
Twon Goode I  
Fatma Bahr \_  
Craig Balmoris \_  
Ashley Grant \_  
Steven James \_  
Bruce Gross I

### FIFTH GRADE

Ashley Anthony I  
Shantell Smith \_ I  
Cleveland Jones I  
Shadé Cornish \_ I  
Lindsey Brown \_ I  
Akita Collins \_ I  
Donnita Mumford \_ I  
Changa Ormond \_  
January Bradshaw \_ I  
Carla Nordé \_ I  
Marchele Irving \_ I  
Jihad Bruce \_  
Nakina Peeler I  
Tahirah Pringle-Finley \_ I  
Allen Dobbins I  
Nelson Gadsen I  
Chaniqua Ford \_ I  
Zainep Mahmoud \_  
Terrika Hooks I  
Yassah James I  
Tyrone Little \_  
Michelle Smith-Dixon \_ I  
Angela Johnson I  
Chakola Paris I  
Sharonda Spriggs \_  
Stanley Wang \_  
Jennifer Ransome I  
Brittany Ward \_ I  
Lesly Rodriguez \_ I  
Lauren Reid \_ I

### SIXTH GRADE

Jaynelle Burton I  
Quintina Green \_  
Bernard Harman I  
Larry Dean I  
Franklin Davis \_ I  
Shanti Harvey \_  
Markita Dixon \_  
Markita Coleman I  
Melony Hawkins \_  
Courtney Dobbins \_ I  
Milan Coleman \_  
Brittany Marks \_  
Charon Fleming \_  
Alana Billingsley \_ I  
Carrie Sartin \_  
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Nicca Lewis \_  
Brandon Higgs I  
Rashard Jones \_  
Jahmiel Matthews \_  
Takara Clark \_ I  
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LaNina Gallmon \_  
Lanita Gosha \_ I  
Jessie Tompkins I  
Rasheer Graves \_ I  
Ebony Gudger I  
Heaven Anthony \_  
Akita Collins \_  
Mario Granados \_  
Trey Hall I  
Marcus Williams I

## THE AMIDON WARRIORS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. John Terry, Coach

The team completed the 1996-1997 Season with a Winning Record of 7-2.

Terrence Carson(Team Captain)  
Craig Balmoris  
Larry Dean  
Franklin Davis  
Shaun Gaines  
Nathaniel Russell(Team Manager)  
Troy Haliburton

Bernard Harmon  
Aaron Jackson  
Tywan Osborne  
Erica Pringle  
Matthew Shepherd  
Jessie Tompkins  
Ronald Vaughn  
James Smith

## LIBRARY TALE-TELLERS

Ms. Marilyn Moser, Librarian

Ryan Vaughn  
Ronald Williams  
Nefertari Francis  
Neferena Francis  
Thiezue James  
Lauren Haileab  
Gregory Miller  
Darryl Hunter  
Jasmine Lewis  
Veronica Johnson  
Cleveland Jones  
Michelle Dixon  
Lindsey Brown  
Matthew Shephard  
Tahirah Pringle-Finley  
Carla Nordé  
Darya Addison-Bulluck  
Shanita IslarGeoffrey Crayton  
Samuel Carson  
Takara Clark  
Courtney Dobbins  
Gihad Bruce  
James Smith  
Camille Holman  
Jennifer Ransome  
Yassah James

Zainep Mahmoud  
Shanee Hughley  
Makai Kellogg  
Troy Haliburton  
Tiara Johnson  
Neo Morake  
Alexander Bowman  
Leon Drabo  
Donnita Mumford  
Kendria Wyder  
Franklin Davis  
Marcus Brooks  
Whitni Brown  
Nicholle Archambeault  
Milan Coleman  
Erica Pringle  
Malcolm Cameron  
Milan Neely  
Malcolm Davis  
Vernon Gurger  
Jamila Opiptennione  
Anthony Knott  
Jouelle Young  
Brittany Tyree  
Sylvia Eberhardt

## THE AMIDON MARCHING WARRIORS SAFETY PATROL

Mr. John Terry, Coach

"The Amidon Patrols Work Under One Net..."

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received two 1st Place trophies for the First District in the 19 Annual AAA Safety Patrol Parade:

## "BEST APPEARING" & "BEST SLOGAN".

Student Patrols are denoted in the Awards Roster by I; other student Parade participants are denoted by P.

## ESL AWARDS

(ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

Ms. RoseMarie Vargas, Teacher

Erdit Gremi (Albanian) Juan Sorto (Spanish)  
Telma Giron (Spanish) Stanley Wang (Chinese)

## TOASTMASTERS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Ms. Wanda Fox, Amidon School Guidance Counselor and Coordinator

Ms. Margaret Pfeiffer & Ms. Crystal Maddox, Instructors

Heaven Anthony  
Akita Collins  
Terrika Hooks  
Marchele Irving  
Angela Johnson  
Donnita Mumford

Chakola Paris  
Ke-Maurelle Preddi  
Kiajuana Rayford  
Shantell Smith  
Kendia Wyder

## 4TH GRADE OPERETTA

Mr. Charles Younger, Music Teacher

All students in the Fourth Grade classes of Ms. Barbara Kell and Ms. Shirley Payne participated in the Operetta.



## HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM

- Housing Counseling and legal advice
- Legal and Housing assistance referrals, money management, credit, and rental counseling
- Housing education workshops
- Establishment of tenant associations and cooperatives
- Legal representation for landlord/tenant and housing fraud cases
- Legal review of home rehabilitation and residential sales contracts
- Pre-purchase and post-occupancy counseling for first-time homebuyers
- Assistance in the prevention of mortgage delinquency and default

### TENANT PURCHASE PROGRAM

- Provides free technical assistance to tenant groups who are interested in purchasing their buildings and converting them into a cooperative under the District's First Right to Purchase Law.
- Helps to create safe and affordable housing in the form of home ownership.
- Performs feasibility analyses of projects to assist tenant/cooperative groups in the development process.
- Provides ongoing training of tenant/cooperative associations to insure the development of an effective association.
- Provides legal representation to maintain associations' legal rights and to keep abreast of legal issues.
- Acts as the general consultant and development coordinator, insuring that projects move forward on schedule.
- Assists groups in retaining property management by helping them interview and investigate potential management companies and by reviewing management reports as prepared by the selected company.
- Prepares loan packages for submission to commercial, District and/or Federal lenders for acquisition, construction, and/or permanent financing.

- Coordinates the hiring and supervision of general contractors, architects, appraisers, lenders and other professionals involved with project acquisition and development.

University Legal Services is a non-profit housing counseling/law firm that has been dedicated to providing safe, decent affordable housing to members of the Metropolitan Area Community for over 26 years. ULS receives funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development. For further information, contact Barbara Jean Abney, Supervisor Northeast Branch at (202) 547-4747 or Annie Tyson, Supervisor Far Southeast Branch at (202) 645-7088.

## PRE-PURCHASE SEMINARS FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

Are you tired of renting and want to own a home? Come attend a Housing Education Workshop sponsored by University Legal Services (ULS) with our housing counseling staff.

Information regarding financing opportunities for first-time homebuyers will be presented at the seminar. Experienced housing counselors will explain the home buying process and give an overview of all current housing programs to help purchase a home. ULS' housing counseling staff is here to assist clients in resolving problems which may prevent or delay purchase and to answer all questions pertaining to the home buying process.

A workshop is held every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at ULS. Call today to sign up. For additional information call (202)547-4747.

## KOMEN TOASTMASTERS CLUB WARMLY INVITES YOU TO BE OUR GUEST

Komen Toastmasters was chartered on December 22, 1996, with 22 members. The club has a personality that celebrates diversity while bringing out the best in people. Members care about people, and it shows in the affection and support they provide one another in our educational environment.

Besides a pronounced generosity of spirit, club members represent good humor and a positive attitude. An important part of our culture is that a visitor is a stranger for no more than five seconds. Yes, we're friendly.

As with conventional Toastmasters Clubs, we help people fulfill their greatest potential by maintaining an environment that benefits self confidence, self-esteem, and a better sense of humanity. Komen Toastmasters are also vastly improved speakers, listeners, and thinkers as a result of our high-energy, high-motivation atmosphere.

The Club commemorates the work of The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; and many of our members, on an individual basis, support Washington's annual National Race for the Cure through community service.

The club meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Southwest DC Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, SW.

The club contact is Mike Schultz, 202/357-1613; and it's a good idea to call several days in advance to confirm the meeting date and place. If you are seeking a fun and professional association, you will want to visit this center of Toastmasters success.

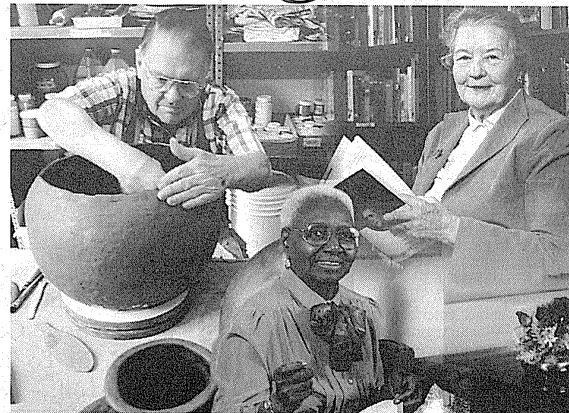
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## Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Monthly Meeting

On Wednesday, May 28th, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the meeting was convened at 7:10 pm, by Dr. Marc Weiss, President. Members present: Zandra Earl, Bob Listou, Jeanne MacKenzie, Emma Ward, Joe Rauscher, Margaret Feldman, and Barbara Murray.

President Weiss introduced the Honorable Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and expressed appreciation for her leadership on every level. The Congresswoman distributed papers which described her proposal for the economic recovery of the District of Columbia. Three essentials for recovery are: federal contributions to pension liability and state functions, federal tax relief to stabilize deadly taxpayer flight, and financial and management restructuring of D.C. and government services.

The Delegate noted she has the support of the leadership of both parties in both Houses of Congress and insists that her bills must be progressive and assure that lower income people are not unduly penalized. She explained that it was necessary to have a Control Board in order to be able to borrow adequate funds to keep the governmental functions operating. However, the Control Board alone cannot revive the city.

Delegate Norton also explained she is working with others to negotiate changes in the President's D.C. Initiative which has some complementary components and some unhelpful portions. This is a difficult negotiation. She stressed that neither plan addresses all the needs and should be seen as complementary.

Questions from the floor included the commuter tax, Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, the ghost-like nature of downtown in the evenings, the Federal Center SW, the Barney Circle highway monies which should be released and made available for other road repair, and the SWNA's planned Long Range Planning Task Force. The planned exit of EPA from Southwest was described and the task force working on this was invited to schedule an appointment with the Congresswoman to discuss their work and concerns.

Concerned citizens should contact the chairs and members of the D.C. Committee in both houses of Congress comparing our city with London and Paris and reminding them that our residents have the highest combined (income, sales and property) taxes in the nation.

## STUDENTS ATTEND "VIRTUAL" VISIT OF PICASSO EXHIBITION

On Thursday, May 22, from 9-10 a.m., students from Jefferson Junior High School went on site at the National Gallery of Art to take an interactive virtual field trip for a behind the scenes look at Picasso: The Early Years, 1892-1906. Their lesson was delivered over distance learning facilities and public television stations.

Bell Atlantic, sponsor of the exhibition, funded the MPT production as part of the educational outreach program the company and the Gallery developed to increase student exposure to the rare collection of Picasso's early works.

Students in hundreds of other classrooms across the Washington Metropolitan area were able to watch over MPT Channels 22, 28, 31, 36, 62 and 67 and WETA-TV, Channel 26, sending in questions or comments via the Internet, telephones and faxes.

Bell Atlantic Corporation (NYSE:BEL) is at the forefront of the new communications, entertainment and information industry. In the mid-Atlantic region, Bell Atlantic's phone companies are the premier providers of local telecommunications and advanced services. Globally, it is one of the largest investors in the high-growth wireless communication marketplace. Bell Atlantic also owns a substantial interest in Telecom Corporation of New Zealand and is actively developing high-growth national and international business opportunities in all phases of the industry.

## JEFFERSON GRADUATES LARGE CLASS

Over 175 ninth graders were promoted from Jefferson Jr. High in a recent ceremony at the school.

Rev. Louis M. Anthony was the keynote speaker, with Hon. Ann Wilcox, Second Ward School Board member, conferring promotion certificates. Principal Vera M. White presented the class of 1997.

Students with platform roles in the ceremony included Rommel Herrera, Olumide Ojeifo (Salutatorian), Erica Watson, Lee Y. Lo (Valedictorian).

The orchestra, a musical ensemble, and student vocalists provided music.

## AARP

The Washington Lifelong Learning Center of the DC Public Library and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) present a 1997 series of FREE AARP Seminars. The dates are Wednesday, July 9 and August 13 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The subject of the July Meeting will be "AARP Community Services Available to You." The speaker will be the AARP State President - Audrey Gray.

At the August 13th Meeting, the subject will be "AARP Legal Services Available to You" (wills, power of attorney, legal assistance, etc.). The speaker will be Shirley Williams, Esq. The seminars will be at the Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, N.W. - Room 315. For more information, call (202)727-1335.

## 28 Girls, 22 Boys Promoted at Bowen Elementary

Sixth Graders were promoted from Bowen Elementary to Junior High at a ceremony at the school.

Viola Bradford was the speaker. Principal Rosalie B. Huff gave out special awards.

Students with prominent roles in the event included: Serrita Washington, William Harris, Latoya Davis, Darryl Head, Joseph Ghee, Ayanah Battle, Leroy Fenner, Constance Cummings, She'maka Barnett, Ayah Battle, Andrea Reynolds.

## SOUTHWEST CHAMBER SERIES TO CONTINUE THROUGH SUMMER

Following the successful June 11 appearance by the guitar/vocal duo Elizabeth and Eric, the Southwest Chamber Music Concert Series at Saint Augustine's Church will return again to true chamber music in July, at a different location. The concert will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

On Wednesday, July 9, seven chamber players will mount an all-Mozart program. First will be a group of lieder, relatively unknown songs for soprano and piano. This will be followed by a violin/piano sonata in G major, K. 378, and the "Kegelstatt" trio for clarinet, viola, and piano. The second half of the program will begin with a few more lieder and an aria from "The Marriage of Figaro" before concluding with the Clarinet Quintet, K. 581.

Performers will be Joyce Bouvier, soprano; Jerry Schwarz, clarinet; Kristen Lindley and Karl Tretter, violins; Nicholas Fobe, viola; Carol Warden, cello; and David Ehrlich, piano. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. As always, admission is free, but a small donation to defray the expenses is requested.



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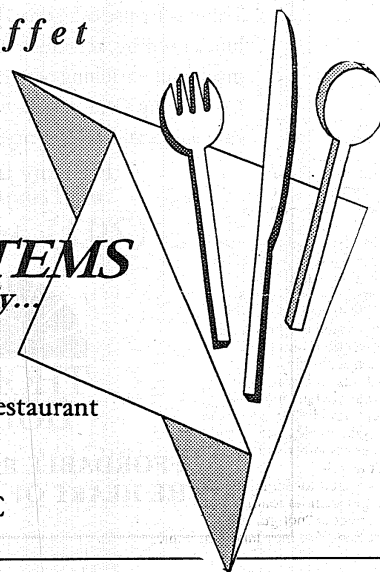
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# Poetry

## WHY ME?

Why me Lord, I sometimes say  
 Why me Lord, I sometimes pray  
 When one day the answer came  
 As I was praying, in sorrow and pain  
 He said, "My son, do not worry,  
 Don't rush your life, don't be in a hurry  
 All these troubles just make you stronger  
 Your time will come, your light will shine  
 Have patience and faith, in Me and time".  
 Why me Lord? You wanted to know  
 To give you strength, and help you grow  
 When you're strong and meet my needs  
 And when you've seen my golden seeds  
 You'll have a place in heaven above  
 Free of worry and full of love  
*by: Alexander Briscoe Sr.*

## WHY IS IT...?

Why is it that when you have it you don't appreciate it,  
 ut when it is gone you miss it and you want it back?  
 Why is it that when you try your best to get it back  
 never comes back?  
 Why is it that we want more than what we have?  
 Why is it that we think we need more than we deserve?  
 Why is it that you never know what you have until you  
 lose it?  
 Why is it that life has to be this way?  
*by: Maritza Guevara (7th Grade Jefferson JHS Student)*

## ALEXANDER BRISCOE SR.

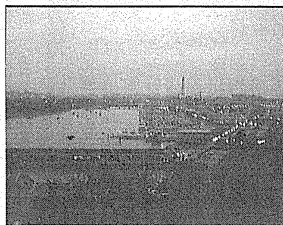
The other night I had a dream  
 That gave me quite a scare.  
 I dreamed that I was in jail  
 And Satan met me there.  
 He said to  
 me "Hello my son  
 It's nice to see you here;  
 You're going to have such fun with me  
 But don't worry because there's nothing to fear."  
 Satan had me in his grip  
 And was tightening up the noose.  
 I fell to my knees and cried  
 "Lord Jesus Christ" please  
 Come and cut me loose.  
 For I had a mess of everything.  
 Please give me a new start.  
 All I ask is one more chance  
 And I promise not to fall.  
 I looked up and saw His face,  
 He said to me "I will set you free".  
 He took me out of darkness  
 And brought me into light.  
 He made me a new creation  
 And then I knew I would be alright.  
 The scene switched to the courtroom  
 With Satan as the DA.  
 He said this man here sits  
 And now will have to pay.  
 But Jesus was my lawyer  
 And He looked up at the throne  
 And said Father please forgive him,  
 Or he's my very own. Did I not die for him Father?  
 Was it all in vain?  
 Remember how I had suffered and upon me was such pain.  
 Then Satan said he's guilty  
 He has broken all your laws.  
 You must give him to me now,  
 And then we'll close the door.  
 Then Jesus said wait Father,  
 Satan cannot take him away. I died for him on Calvary and  
 His debt has already been paid.  
 Then Father said, You're right Son,  
 I can see his lamp is lit, the evidence is against him but, still  
 must acquit.  
 You prepared for him a mansion,  
 No longer shall he roam.  
 The verdict is "not guilty".  
 Right Son, You may take him home.



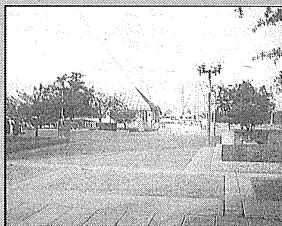
## CITY AT PEACE

City at Peace is a District of Columbia non-profit organization that uses the performing arts as a vehicle to work with young people from diverse backgrounds to develop the skills to cope with substance abuse, sexuality, race, culture and family dysfunction, participants learn principles of negotiation and conflict resolution, communication, and leadership that, together with the theater experience, develop their self-awareness and self-esteem, encourage them to care for each other, enable them to relate better to others, and motivate them to become more responsible and productive members of their communities.

City at Peace presents the final three performances of "Who's To Blame" on Thursday-Saturday, June 26-28, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at the Arena Stage in the Fichandler, 6th and Main Avenue, SW. Tickets are \$20.00/Adults, \$10.00/Youth (18 and under) and are available at the Arena Stage Box Office (202) 488-3300. For more information contact the City at Peace office at (202) 529-2828.



Sundown ... lights up on the Southwest Waterfront — Photo by J. Teirney



Southwest Waterfront Park near Channel Inn — Photo by J. Teirney



Southwest Waterfront Park at 7th Street — Photo by J. Teirney

### Visit the Waterfront

The National Park Service recently completed concrete, brick repair and added lighting and plantings to the mini parks along the SW Waterfront. Take a look!

## Kings of Harmony at Westminster Church Sat. June 28

Two hours of gospel music will fill Westminster Church, 4th and I (Eye) S.W., across from Amidon School, Saturday evening, June 28 from 7 to 9.

Featured will be D.C.'s own Kings of Harmony on the keyboard, guitar, drums and vocals.

Their other Southwest appearances include the recent S.W. Festival of the Arts on the waterfront.

Also featured will be an art display by Greg Scott, an artist who lives on Fourth Street S.W.

Admission is free. All are invited. There will be no collection.

A reception will follow the performance.



Col. J.D. Beneson, U.S. Army retired, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. He continues to assist the chaplains office at Ft. McNair at Masses in the Chapel. — Photo by J. Teirney

## SUMMER IN THE PARK



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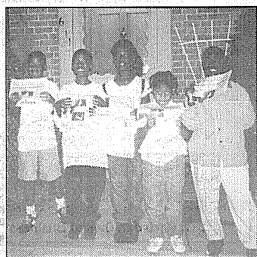
## IT'S "ANCHORS AWAY" IN D.C. FOR EASTER SEALS' CRUISE FOR KIDS

The Easter Seals' "Cruise for Kids", which has launched boats along the Chesapeake Bay since 1993, comes to the Washington D.C. area for the first time this summer. The D.C. Cruise for Kids, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society for Disabled Children and Adults, weighs anchor along the Potomac River on Sunday, August 3, 1997. Proceeds raised from Cruise for Kids will support year-round Easter Seals therapy and education services at local early intervention centers for children with disabilities in the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and Suburban Maryland.

Cruise for Kids provides an opportunity for children with disabilities to become a captain or seamate for a day—or at least a few hours. Children with disabilities are guests of local power boat owners. While on board, children and their families will learn about seamanship and sites along the Potomac River. Before the cruise is over, children will even get the chance to take the helm.



some of the YEP members along with leader, Gary Hill and Jennifer Ray, SWNA summer intern

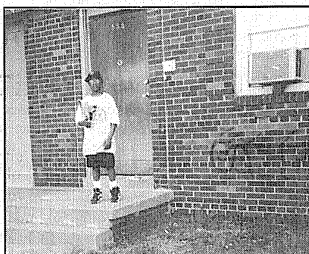


All in a Day's Work

Children will cruise the Potomac aboard 25-foot to 50-foot sports fisherman, express cruisers, or motor yachts, as well as a few large party yachts, under the direction of the owners and "skippers". The boats are donated and sponsored by area boaters, yacht clubs, organizations, businesses, and friends.

Cruise Partners include "Cruise Captains," who provide their crafts and their expertise for the day, and Sponsoring Partners—businesses, organizations, and individuals—who provide financial support to sponsor boats used in the event.

Organized in 1933, the Easter Seal Society for Disabled Children and Adults is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to help people with disabilities achieve independence. For more information, contact the Easter Seal Society at (301) 931-8700.



The kids at McDonalds taking a lunch break

## VOLUNTEERS FOR READING NEEDED

The Southwest Book Club needs adults (or mature high school students) to commit to at least one hour a week during the summer to meet with a neighborhood child to read and encourage the child's interest in reading. The program is very flexible - after being matched with a child, you pick a meeting time convenient to you and your child. You also pick the location - the Southwest Library (920 Wesley Place, S.W.) is a popular meeting place. The children will meet once a week with their volunteer and at least once a week as a group with the other club members to read together, play games, or to go on field trips. Most children are 6 - 13 years old.

The Southwest Book Club is one of several neighborhood book clubs, sponsored by S.T.A.R.T. (Summertime and Reading Together), a non-profit children's summer literacy program which establishes and supports neighborhood reading programs throughout Washington D.C. For more information, call Judy Taylor at (202)387-7450 (home) or (703) 308-7277 (work).

## Southwest Branch Library Up-date

Norberta Winborne, Head Librarian, went to a meeting concerning Bill Gates' donation of \$1 million dollars to the DC Library. It will be used to put the branches "on-line." Before work is begun, the main library is determining what kind of wiring is currently in each branch. Norberta requested 12 computers - 3 in the Childrens Library and the rest in the Adult Division. The work is going to be done in the next 6 to 12 months. Until the wiring survey is completed, it is not known when the Southwest Branch will receive the computers.

The other good news received at the meeting was that the library budget is expected to be fully funded.

### CALICO Program

If you are interested in tutoring adults in Literacy, there will be training sessions for prospective tutors during the month of July. The meetings will be every Tuesday, except the 22nd, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## YOUTH DELIVERY BOYS AND GIRLS

For several years, there has been a bulk delivery man who delivers the papers to all of the apartments and office buildings in Southwest. It was "hit or miss" re townhouse distribution.

But now, the Gannett Corp. has helped The Southwester to extend its delivery area. They have granted the money to fund The Youth Employment Program.

It is composed of about 12 youngsters, and is headed by Gary Hill. They spend the Friday evening prior to the SWNA meeting delivering to Capitol Park Townhouses and the Town Square Townhouses, and then on Saturday delivering to all of the townhouses between South Capitol Street and 6th Street, the townhouses in Greenleaf, the lowrises, the Senior Citizens Building, the library, stores in Waterside Mall and the stores on South Capitol Street.

"All work and no play makes for dullness" or something like that. On Saturday, about noon, they take a break from their deliveries and have lunch at McDonalds. Thanks to the manager at the South Capitol Street eatery, the kids get a break in the cost of lunch and get a chance to relax during their workday.

Not only do the boys and girls get a chance to learn about the value of working for pay, many in Southwest get a newspaper for the first time in years.

## Hats-Off

Congratulations to LaShawn Hamilton of Southwest. She has been working at the Coast Guard for the past several years. This June, she won an award for the best civilian employee.

In the February 1997 issue of The Southwester, it was reported that Anthony Bowen teacher, Ms. Brenda Ward Thomas was selected as an Awardee for the District of Columbia by the National Science Foundation (NSF) State Award.

Ms Thomas was one of four D.C. schoolteachers who received the national Presidential Awards. The D.C. awardees were among 214 elementary and secondary in the United States who were recognized. Each teacher's school was given a \$7,500 grant from the NSF to promote math and science education.

## Project Wonder Summer Day Camp

We have served the SW community for three years with a week of day camp FREE!!! Lunches are provided, we read bible stories, have field trips, and other fun activities. Children from ages 3 years to 12 years are welcomed.

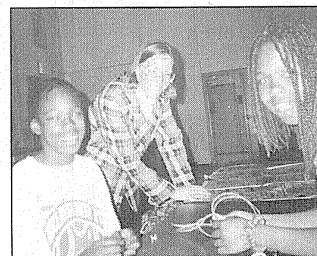
Time: August 11-15, 1997

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Place: Lansburg Park (behind Bowen School)

### NEED VOLUNTEERS

Contact: Father Joseph Delvecchio, 202/488-1354



D.C. School Board member and Attorney Ann Wilcox chats with P.E.P. members LaTonya Alderman and Kennethia Wilkerson at Boys & Girls Club #4.

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF STARS OF THE FUTURE

The young people shown here exhibited their talents in the Stars of the Future concert presented on May 4 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Students from Wilson High School, Jefferson Junior High School and the Amidon and Bowen Elementary Schools played the piano, sang, danced and recited for an appreciative audience. Art from the schools was displayed in the undercroft, where a reception was held for participants, parents, teachers and the community.

The Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Assembly, which presented the concert and hosted the reception, is grateful to the schools and to the church and community members who contributed to making this first concert a success.



## Review of Towns Along the Towpath, by Kate Mulligan

Wakefield Press, 1997. \$14.00.

review by **Keith Melder**

In her new book *Towns Along the Towpath*, Southwest resident and author Kate Mulligan beckons us to travel westward along the C&O Canal to discover lovely, forgotten places and renew our sense of life as we might have found it between 50 and 150 years ago. Providing detailed accounts of small cities, handsome towns, and historic sites associated with the canal, Mulligan depicts attractive destinations for vacations, weekends and day trips in one of the region's most historic areas.

Here, readers will find a capsule history of the canal, accounts of communities near that once-grand transportation artery, and descriptions of what these places offer to visitors. Among the towns are Cumberland, Williamsport, Hancock, Brunswick, Poolesville, Maryland, and Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Sites include the Paw Paw Tunnel, the Monocacy Aqueduct, and many others, each with its unique stories. Cumberland, formerly a center of transportation and industry, shows off its past through rail excursions, museums, and tours of historic sites. Hancock, once the site of giant apple orchards, now features an old time main street and restaurants with hearty, economical family fare. Shepherdstown, the home of Shepherd College and a summer drama festival, thrives on its arts activities and its historic charm. Brunswick, a former railroad town, displays its history with a museum, a festival, and businesses focused on railroad themes.

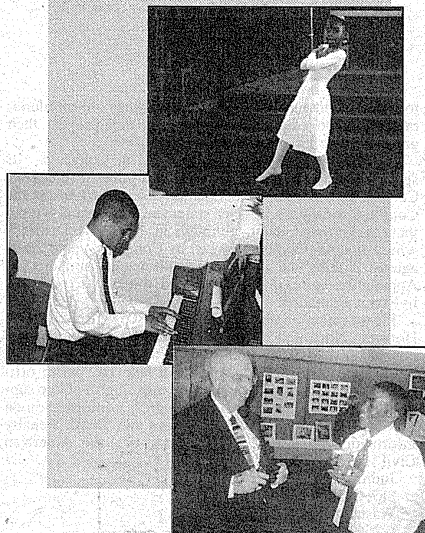
Along with its concise, lively sketches of historic locations near the nation's capital, Kate Mulligan's new book features "best bets"—places to see for visitors with varied interests—and lists of lodgings to suit many budgets. I am delighted to recommend the book. It can be obtained from the author and from local booksellers including Trover's on Capitol Hill, B. Dalton's at Union Station, and Barnes and Noble in Georgetown.

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## More Stars of the Future Photos



## NEW CHAIR OF THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE

Delmar Weathers, a long time resident of Southwest was elected chair of the Youth Activities Task Force (YATF). Weathers has been a member of YATF for over 10 years and was responsible for training mentors to work with youth for a number of those years. She is a retired branch chief of the Department of Health and Human Services, where she had responsibility for adoption programs. She anticipates that YATF will continue to work with and support other organizations in the Southwest Community. A major need at this time is the recruitment of new members to assist in some of the committee work necessary for carrying out YATF's activities. If you are interested in becoming a member of YATF, you may contact Delmar Weathers at (202) 554-3412.

## Southeastern University Joins The Consortium of Universities

H. Patrick Swygert, President of Howard University and Chair of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area today announced the admission of Southeastern University to the Consortium of Universities. Southeastern University is the first new member of the Consortium in eight years.

The Consortium of Universities is composed of American University, Catholic University of America, Gallaudet University, George Mason University, The George Washington University, Georgetown University, Howard University, Marymount University, Mount Vernon College, Trinity College, the University of the District of Columbia and the University of Maryland College Park. The Consortium provides its members with an opportunity to collaborate and consult on higher education issues in the region. Among the Consortium's activities supported by its member institutions are scholarship and loan programs, a cross registration program, faculty and student research opportunities and a post-secondary education center for at-risk youth.

## BOOKS IN BRIEF

by **Wallace Babington**

### ALICE WALKER: ACTIVIST

A new collection of essays by Alice Walker, "Anything We Love Can Be Saved", gives readers an insight into one of the most fascinating and intriguing minds of our generation. The subjects of the essays range from motherhood to the Million Man March. She shares thoughts on Castro (she hugs him), Aunt Jemima, Winnie Mandela and cats. Every essay opens doors for a new approach to old subjects. The activism that has become a cornerstone of her life is well documented here.

Alice Walker grew up in an oppressed community: an economically poor, rural South. Her career has taken her from that humble beginning to centers of world power and sophistication. These essays grew out of those travels and reflect her experiences with other cultures and life styles.

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#### SMALL VICES

is Robert Parker's latest addition to the popular Spenser series. Parker needs no introduction to serious mystery readers. He has been likened to both Dashiell Hammet and Raymond Chandler - good company indeed. "Small Vices" is the story of the search for the truth about a defendant whom even the prosecutor is convinced did not get a fair trial. All the elements of a good Spenser novel are included here: violence, humor and retribution - and of course psychotherapist Susan, Spenser's love interest. It is a fast moving, intriguing story that is a welcomed addition to a great series.

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## Betty Jo Gaines Response to Walter Brooks Letter Regarding the Current Condition of Lansburg Park in S.W.

Indeed, Lansburg Park is a large beautiful park that affords a broad range of recreational and leisure activities for citizens of the Southwest community. I am pleased that Mr. Cornelius Haynes of my staff had an opportunity to meet with you on May 21, 1997, along with the principal from Anthony Bowens Elementary School, representatives from Saint Dominic Church, Southwest House, S.W. Neighborhood Assembly, Delmar Weathers Youth Task Force, the D.C. Housing Authority, ANC Commissioner 2D, and local residents, who also have a stake in the issue. This department has engaged the services of the Landscape Division, D.C. Department of Corrections for three (3) years now to cut the grass and clean the park at two (2) week intervals. Given the level of abuse sustained by the park, there is an increasing need for community based support to augment department efforts. Those who attended the meeting would seem to provide a nucleus for creative and innovative community action.

This department has been instrumental in developing Partnership, Friends Groups, and Adoption Agreements with community groups throughout the District of Columbia to supplement department efforts and enhance the appearance of recreational facilities and grounds. It is encouraging to learn that your group will meet again on June 2, 1997 in an effort to mobilize community energy, resources, and support. During the interim, Mr. Haynes will continue to work with the D.C. Housing Authority and D.C. Public Schools to determine their resource capability, and the extent of their commitment. Moreover, we will continue with the grass cutting schedule, install signs to indicate that the park closes at dark, install additional trash receptacles, and encourage the Metropolitan Police Department (II D) to become stakeholders in the park. Also with the arrival of summer and related programming, we will determine the extent to which our Youth/Adult Sports Program can provide instruction for those residents interested in tennis.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and we look forward to your continued participation in community clean-ups and other activities with respect to improvements at Lansburg Park. In this connection, Mrs. Vendra Hayes will be in contact with Ms. Alicia Fisher and others regarding future involvement of Randall Shelter. Mrs. Hayes can be reached on 576-6630. However, please contact Mr. Haynes of my staff at 576-7123 regarding all other matters pertaining to community mobilization, needs, and support.

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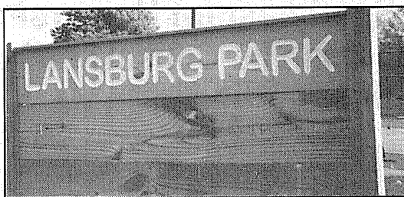
## SWNA SEEKS CITY HELP WITH LANSBURG PARK

Walter Brooks, Chair of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on Lansburg Park, recently wrote Dr. Betty Jo Gaines, Director of the D. C. Department of Parks and Recreation, and Larry King, Director of D.C.'s Department of Public Works about the condition of Lansburg Park. He stated: "Lansburg Park is an historical, major recreational area for the citizens of Southwest Washington. Its grounds connect with the Anthony Bowen Elementary School grounds (between M Street and Eye Street, SW). This is a large, beautiful park. It contains shady trees and grassy slopes. All this is going to waste because of lack of maintenance. Our school children are unable to use the facility in its present condition."

"We require that all trash, broken glass and other debris be removed and that trash receptacles be made available.

Grass and shrubbery must be cut and trimmed on a regular schedule. There is one sign to identify the park. Other signs are a must. Tennis courts, picnic facilities and play equipment must be maintained. Regularly scheduled police protection is required. The park must be kept drug free and crime free. The community of school children, parents, youth and adults want the use of this park where they can play, relax, picnic and exercise in a beautiful, clean and protected environment. Citizens are willing to help make this the wonderful place it should be.

"We request your immediate attention and expect Lansburg Park to meet the standards set for all parks in our great city."



A new sign at Lansburg Park on Delaware Ave. S.W.



Earth Day shirts and caps were worn by the students and volunteers



## To the Editor:

We are writing to bring to your readers' attention the fact that the City Council is considering a bill that would impose the death penalty in the District of Columbia. Mayor Barry and Ms. Schwartz say they introduced this bill to show outrage at the cold-blooded murders of several D.C. police officers. We share their outrage, but think the death penalty is not the way to reduce the violence and crime in the District.

Here are some of the reasons why we oppose the death penalty: 1) it costs about three times as much to execute a murderer than to imprison him or her for life under very strict conditions; the District would need to set up a special public defender's office for capital-sentenced offenders; 2) capital punishment does not deter murder, for per-capita murder rates in states without the death penalty are lower than those imposing it; 3) the death penalty is imposed mostly on those who are poor and on those whose victims are white. Above all: there are better ways to remove killers from our streets: imprison them for life with no chance for parole. That allows for rehabilitation, costs less, and does not involve the real danger of executing an innocent person.

It's an outrage that, while District schools are closed to save money, imposition of capital punishment would force the District to spend money to kill juveniles (it's proposed

to allow a sentence of death for a 17-year old murderer) rather than to educate them properly and prevent their growing up to kill.

A similar bill has been introduced in Congress. Its sponsor at a committee hearing said that if the D.C. Council does not act in this matter, she will try to get the Congress to impose it! Her statement received a sympathetic acknowledgment, although in 1992, the District's voters, in a referendum imposed by Congress, voted 2 to 1 against making the District a death-penalty jurisdiction. Apparently, some in Congress still think D.C. residents live on a plantation.

Please call councilman Evans (724-8058), Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (225-8050) and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (224-5922), telling them the death penalty will not help reduce crime, and will not help DC police officers. Urge them to instead provide meaningful police support (e.g. by doubling officers on patrol). Information on the death penalty is available from the Death Penalty Information Center (202-293-6970), or, the American Civil Liberties Union (202-675-2319).

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# SPRING-ING INTO ACTION: PROTECTING YOUR FEET

by Charles Spearman

Summer is here! The season is arguably one of the most beautiful seasons in the Washington area and for many of us it's time once again to hit the ground running or walking.

For many runners it's also time to select a new pair of running shoes. Whether you're starting an exercise program or you are a seasoned runner, continuing your routine, buying the right pair of running shoes could be one of the most important decisions you will make.

Contrary to popular belief, we are all created unequal when it comes to our footwear needs. A shoe that's perfect for one person may be absolutely wrong for another. Therefore your selection should require careful thought and evaluation. This is particularly significant, since the purchase of a good pair of running shoes can range anywhere between \$50.00 to \$140.00. Choosing a wrong pair of shoes may also increase susceptibility to injuries, ranging from blisters to muscle strains.

With over 14 major running shoe companies and hundreds of models and styles to choose from, purchasing the right pair of shoes can sometimes be a daunting task.

Sales of running shoes are at an all time high, according to Runner's World Magazine, running shoes were the second most popular athletic footwear in the United States in 1996, with sales exceeding more than a billion dollars per day. (Basketball shoes were ranked number one). Consequently, each year running companies such as Nike, Reebok, and Adidas develop new technologies that are designed to improve durability and to address individual bio-mechanical needs. So here there are more models and styles to choose from, selecting the shoes that are just right for you becomes more difficult.

It wasn't that long ago that you may have made a selection based only on cost or style. While these issues may influence your decision-making, you shouldn't let them be the overriding factors. There are many reasonably priced models offering very specific features to meet different running needs and foot types.

While you may not want to spend an inordinate amount of time learning about the ins and outs of running shoes, there are a few concepts you should get to know if your exercise routine involves pounding the pavement. The right pair of shoes can be like a good friend—dependable, comfortable and there for the long haul.

While this article focuses on running shoes, the same concepts apply to the selection of walking shoes.

Unlike an automobile's tire treads, a running shoe's tread (outsole - the rubberized part of the shoe that makes contact with the ground) may not indicate whether the shoe is for work out. Often the midsole, the

middle part of the shoe, usually made of a plastic foam (EVA) or polyurethane material, breaks down before the outer sole is worn. The midsole is important because it serves as a shock absorber and provides support when the foot strikes the ground. Most experts believe that running shoes lose their effectiveness between 400-600 miles.

## Tips for buying running or walking shoes:

- Shop for the shoe in the afternoon or evening when your feet are larger than normal. (Running shoes don't stretch. I recommend at least a half of size larger than your regular shoes—remember that running shoe sizes are not standardized.)
- If you still have your old running shoes, it would be a good idea to let an experienced running shoe salesperson take a look at the wear pattern of your outer soles. (This will assist him/her in selecting a shoe that's right for your running style or gait.)
- Take a short test run on a hard surface. (If they're uncomfortable or something doesn't feel right, you want to know before you leave the store.)
- Make sure there is at least a thumb's width inside the shoe from the big toe or the longest toe to the end of the shoe. (If you can't wiggle your toes, the shoe is probably too tight.)
- Don't sacrifice your feet by purchasing inferior shoes, there are several excellent inexpensive models to choose from. (This may save you a Doctor's bill in the long run.)
- If you have experienced any specific or acute foot problems in the past, you may want to consult with a podiatrist before you select a shoe.

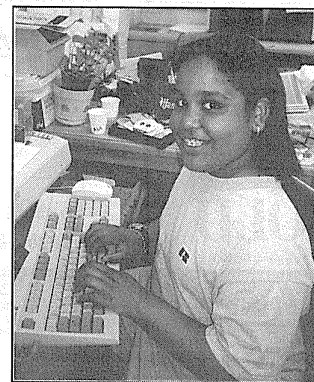
Running Specialty Stores can assist greatly in demystifying the shoe selection process. In the Washington area there are at least ten specialty running stores with trained and experienced staff, many of whom are runners themselves.

The following is a list of nearby running specialty stores that can assist you in your selection of your next pair of running or walking shoes: Fleet Feet Sports, (202) 387-3888, 1840 Columbia Rd NW; Racquet & Jog, (202) 861-6939, 915 - 19th St. NW.

For a review of the 1997 spring running shoes that may best suit your running needs, take a look at the following publications. They should be available at your local newsstand or running store:

Running Times, Shoe Buyers' Guide March 1997 Issue; Runner's World, Shoe Buyer's Guide April 1997; Washington Running Report, Running Network Shoe Review - March-April Issue 1997.

Special Note: Ryka a women's only athletic apparel and athletic shoe company designs running shoes with a wider toe box and narrower heel.



Lindsey at work on her book

## AMIDON STUDENT RECEIVES J.W. MARRIOTT AWARD

Lindsey Brown, a super poised ten-year old girl from Amidon Elementary School is the proud recipient of a \$2500.00 grant for college. Her interpretation of the theme: What I Expect Of Me...What I Hope To Be, was selected as one of 10 winners in the 4th annual scholarship awards program sponsored by the J.W. Marriott Hotel for ten 10-year olds from the Washington, DC public school system.

Joining her table in the Hotel's Grand Ballroom where the honorees were feted at a luncheon were her parents, her art teacher and several friends and relatives who attended as her guests.

Lindsey keeps a busy schedule at school, at home and in the community. She enjoys swimming, basketball, biking, as well as reading, especially poetry. Recent readings include Shel Silverstein's book of short poems, "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" by Beverly Cleary. A YMCA summer camp, an art camp and a beginners horseback riding class are in her plans for summer vacation before entering Jefferson Junior High this fall.

Lindsey cites a number of role models including her Mom, her art teacher, and her now deceased grandmother, and an uncle, also deceased for whom she was named.

When she enters high school and is old enough, she wants to get a job to broaden her experiences. Already an entrepreneur, she and a cousin set up a food stand at the recent yard sale on Fourth Street, where they sold pounds of hot dogs.

Currently, she wants to be a medical doctor and more specifically a pediatrician. Her varied interests, talents and good grades, as well as her love of children should help Lindsey reach her goal.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL

Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force is looking for a few good young men and women in its Cadet Program. The non-profit, volunteer civilian organization provides youth the opportunity to develop leadership skills through aviation as well as provide a wealth of talent to draw upon for different volunteer projects and events. CAP, founded in December 1941, has three primary missions: emergency services, det programs, and aerospace education.

Youth who are 12 years old or attending the 6th grade are eligible for the program. The maximum age for a new cadet is 18. CAP training is held every Monday night from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Bolling Air Force Base (in South Capitol Street). CAP and its Honor Guard Drill Team will perform at the Southwest Community Youth Orientation session on Saturday, June 28, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, S.W. If you are interested in the CAP program, please call Major Charles Cooper, Squadron Commander, at (202) 635-57 or Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746 and plan on ending the CAP presentation on June 28.

## THE GI BILL - AND AFTER

Michael J. Bennett of Southwest Washington wrote a book about the GI Bill. It is called "When Dreams Came True: The GI Bill and the Making of Modern America" (Brassey's, \$27.95). He believes that the GI Bill, which enabled millions of veterans to attend college after World War II, profoundly changed American life, and it's hard to disagree after reading his solidly researched book. Bennett recounts the curious history of the measure, which initially found many educators opposed to it (they thought it would dilute the quality of their schools), and describes the political bickering and maneuvering that led to its passage. Citing case histories (such as Henry Kissinger, who went to Harvard on the GI Bill), he evaluates in detail the law's impact on young (and not so young) lives, opening new avenues for advancement and helping to end the religious and racial quotas that had been the disgrace of elite institutions.

People today undoubtedly are better educated than was the pre-war generation. But are they also wiser and more enlightened? Ah, that's another question - not answered in this book.





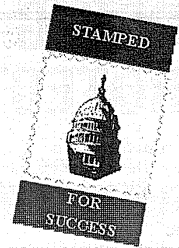
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